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1935

**Wallace Bowling Farm**

**Newport vic.**

**Private**

The Wallace Bowling Farm consists of 177 acres on the east side of Zekiah Swamp Run near the rural community of Newport. The farm is anchored by a large 1935 Victorian farmhouse standing on a knoll which is surrounded by an assortment of agricultural outbuildings. The dwelling is one of several examples of a cross-gable Victorian plan where the main block includes a front-gable structure attached to a rear cross gable wing. The Wallace Bowling Farm appears to be representative of rural landscapes in Charles County during the first quarter of the 20th century. The dwelling reflects one of the more sophisticated house forms found in the economically and culturally conservative southern Maryland region during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wallace Bowling Property

other

### 2. Location

street and number 10840 Wallace Bowling Road

not for publication

city, town

vicinity

county Charles

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marion and Victoria Cook

street and number 10840 Wallace Bowling Lane

telephone 301-934-8536

city, town La Plata

state MD

zip code 20646-4553

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse

tax map and parcel: 65 p. 100

city, town La Plata

liber 853 folio 61

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

### 6. Classification

#### Category

- ☐ district  
☒ building(s)  
☐ structure  
☐ site  
☐ object

#### Ownership

- ☐ public  
☒ private  
☐ both

#### Current Function

- ☒ agriculture  
☐ commerce/trade  
☐ defense  
☒ domestic  
☐ education  
☐ funerary  
☐ government  
☐ health care  
☐ industry  
☐ landscape  
☐ recreation/culture  
☐ religion  
☐ social  
☐ transportation  
☐ work in progress  
☐ unknown  
☐ vacant/not in use  
☐ other:

#### Resource Count

- | Contributing             | Noncontributing                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> buildings  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> sites      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> objects    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Total      |

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wallace Bowling Farm consists of 177 acres on the east side of Zekiah Swamp Run near the rural community of Newport. The farm is anchored by a large 1935 Victorian farmhouse standing on a knoll and surrounded by an assortment of agricultural outbuildings. The dwelling is one of several examples of a cross-gable Victorian plan where the main block includes a front-gable structure with a cross gable rear service wing. The dwelling is three bays at the front elevation. The exterior has been covered in vinyl siding and windows. The roof is metal. This example includes additions to the rear as well. Similar examples include Norwood and the Conrad Posey House in Newburg. Although requiring further study, access was not granted to evaluate this property. Photographs were taken from a public right of way.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
<b>Specific dates</b>	1935	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	unknown		
<b>Construction dates</b>	1935				

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Wallace Bowling Farm appears to be representative of rural landscapes in Charles County during the first quarter of the 20th century. The dwelling reflects one of the more sophisticated house forms found in the economically and culturally conservative County during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other examples include Norwood in Dentsville and the Conrad Posey House in Newburg. The property requires further study but appears to include a relatively large number of outbuildings and as a whole, a well-preserved rural landscape.

Because of the economic stagnation after the Civil War, domestic architecture up until the time of the second World War remained largely conservative. Balloon frame construction for domestic buildings became the standard but the ornamentation and elaborate floorplans seen in other parts of the State and Nation, were kept to a minimum.

Tobacco has been the main cash crop in Charles County since the initial European settlement in the 17th century. After the Civil War, the agriculturally based economy in Charles County remained depressed and tobacco prices consistently fell until the end of the 19th century. This steady decline encouraged many farmers to diversify their interests and expand production of those items that had once been solely for family consumption. In the early 20th century, automotive and road improvements opened up new markets for farm products. This meant that honey, nuts, orchard products, poultry, dairy and livestock could now be quickly and efficiently transported to larger markets. Local and state officials recognized the potential impact of new technologies on the depressed agricultural economy of southern Maryland and quickly proposed several infrastructure improvements.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 172.54

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 65, Parcel 100.

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Cathy Hardy/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning

date 2/25/2003

street and number 200 Baltimore Street

telephone 301-396-5815

city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property  
Charles County, MD  
county and state

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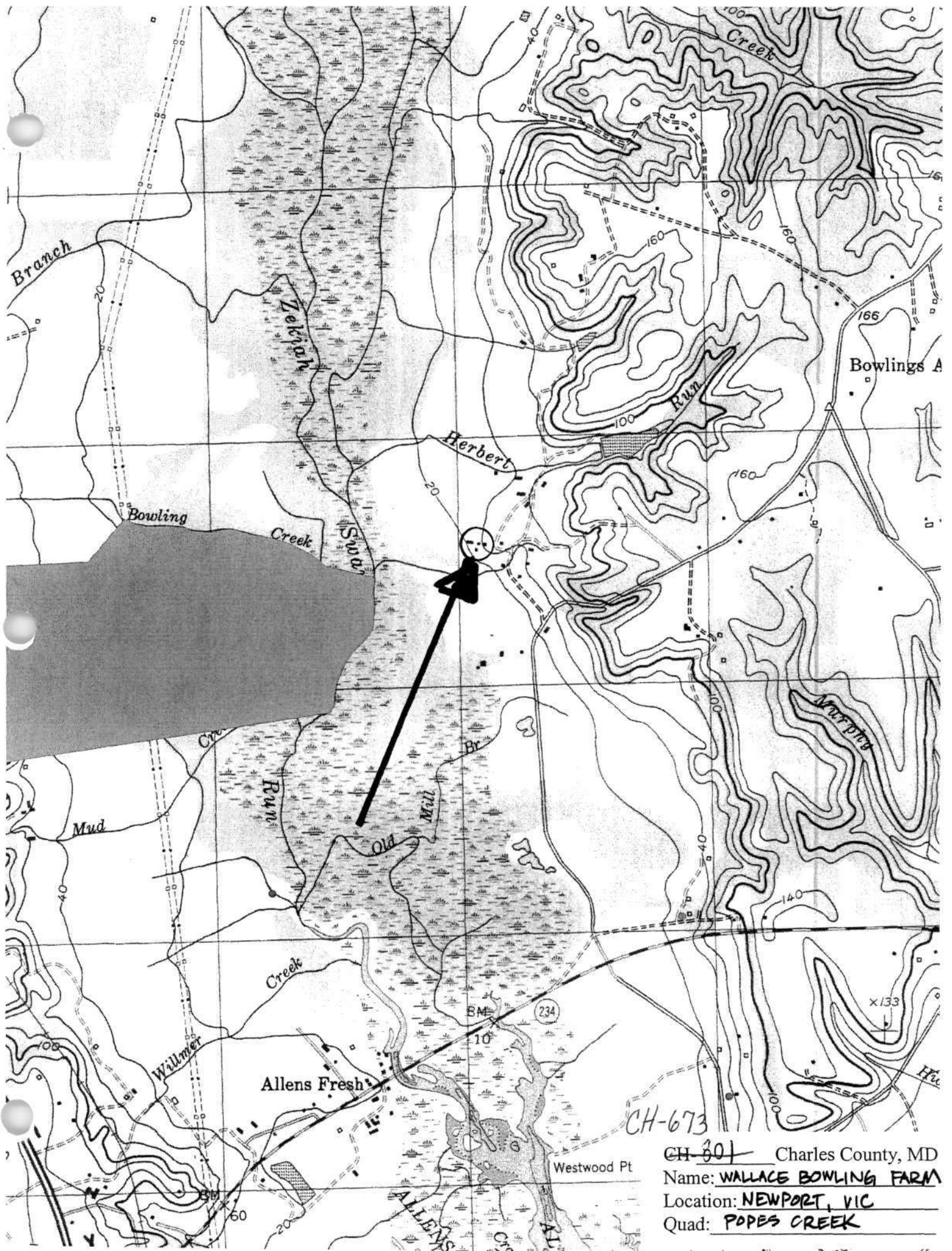
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CH-301 Charles County, MD  
Name: WALLACE BOWLING FARM  
Location: NEWPORT, VIC  
Quad: POPES CREEK





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WALLACE BOWLING PROPERTY  
NEWPORT VIC

C. HARDY

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Victoria Cook Property Survey Number: CH-673  
10840 Wallace Bowling Lane, La Plata  
Project: debt restructure/conservation easement Agency: FmHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:    no X yes Name L. Bowlin Date 8-25-93

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria:   A   B   C   D Considerations:   A   B   C   D   E   F   G   None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Cook property is a typical twentieth century tobacco farm. The farm complex consists of a two-story frame dwelling, tobacco barns, hay shed, corn crib, and chicken house. The dwelling was constructed in 1914 and is characterized by its cross-shaped configuration, tin sheathed gable roof, brick chimneys. The building has experienced considerable alterations including wholesale window replacement, partial porch replacement, synthetic siding, interior trim removal, plaster failure and removal. The majority of the tobacco barns and outbuildings date from the 1940s, no outbuilding predates the twentieth century. The complex does not embody any distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction. Tobacco farms of the same vintage with higher levels of integrity exist throughout Southern Maryland.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: compliance file, Cook property

Prepared by: L. Bowlin

L. Bowlin  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

12-18-93  
Date

NR program concurrence: X yes    no    not applicable

R. Anderson  
Reviewer, NR program

1.5.94  
Date

Survey No. CH-673

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

       Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)  
X Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,  
 Prince George's and St. Mary's)  
       Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,  
 Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)  
       Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

       Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.  
       Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.  
       Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.  
       Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.  
       Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.  
       Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900  
       Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600  
       Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750  
       Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815  
       Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870  
X Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930  
X Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present  
       Unknown Period (        prehistoric        historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

       Subsistence  
       Settlement  
       Political  
       Demographic  
       Religion  
       Technology  
       Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

X Agriculture  
X Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
 and Community Planning  
       Economic (Commercial and Industrial)  
       Government/Law  
       Military  
       Religion  
       Social/Educational/Cultural  
       Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): domestic, agricultural

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

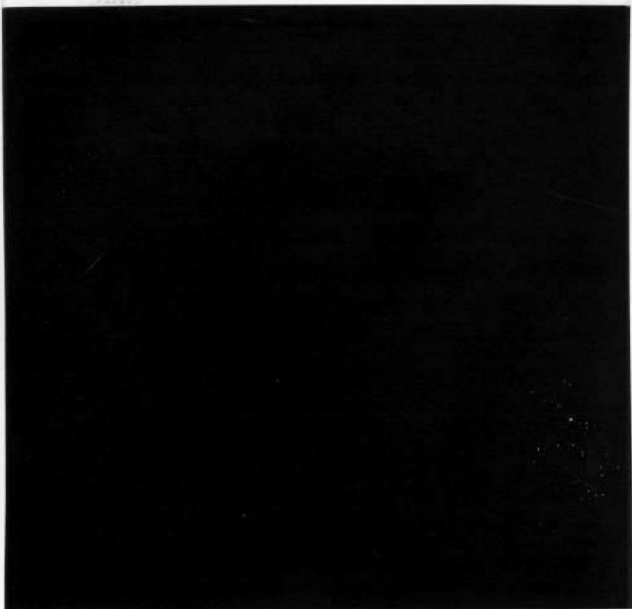




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Dwelling  
Victoria Cook Property  
Charles Co.



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Chicken House &  
shed  
Victoria Cook Property

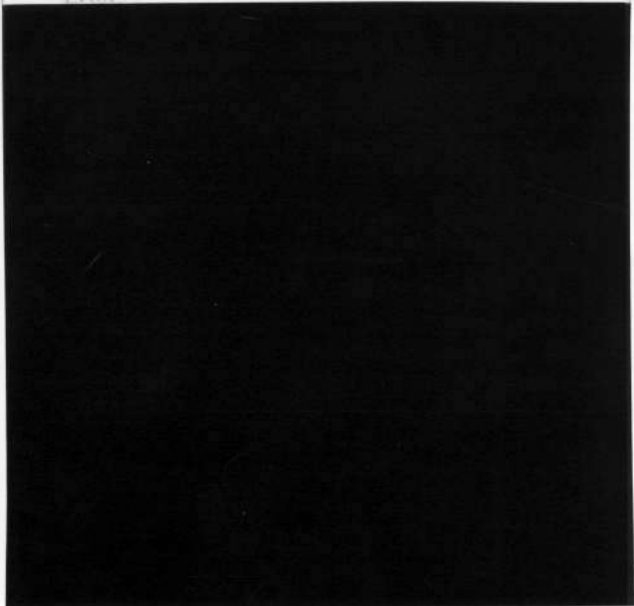


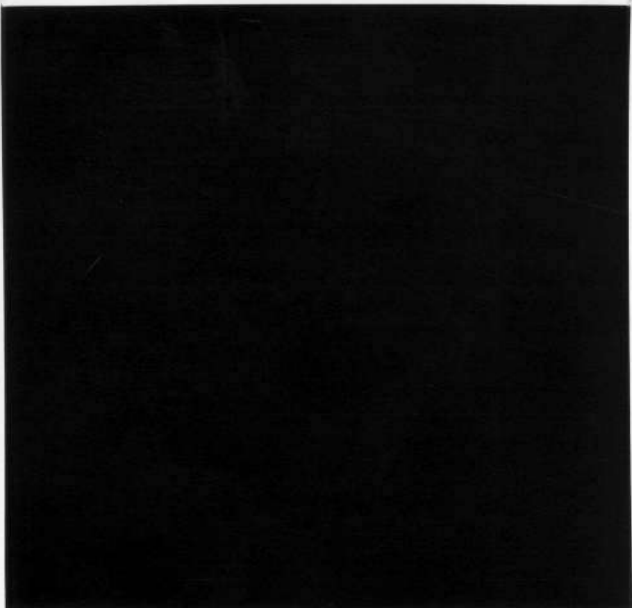
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Tobacco Barn Charles C.  
Victoria Cook Property





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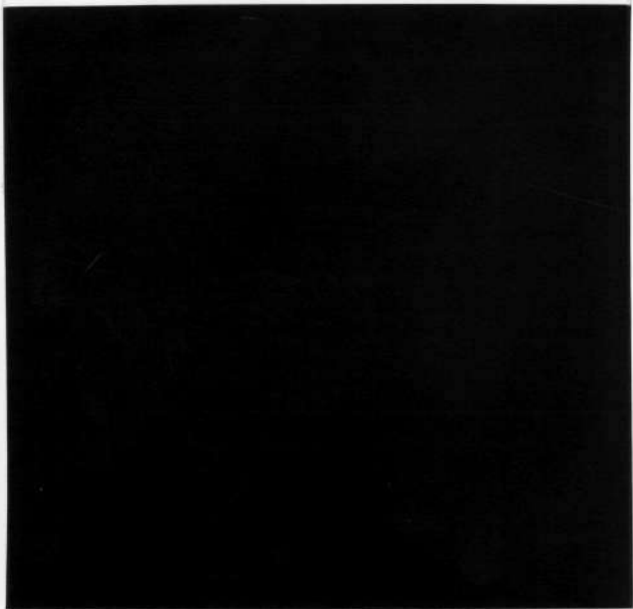
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Hay shed & Corn  
Crib

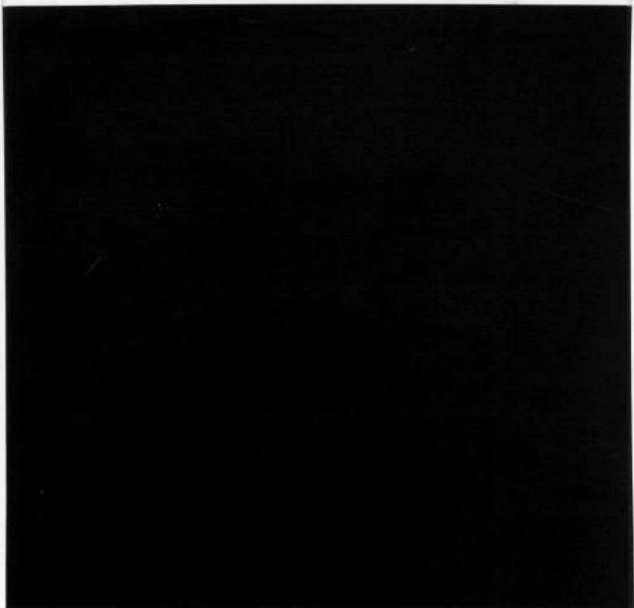
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Shed Charles C.  
Victoria Cook Property

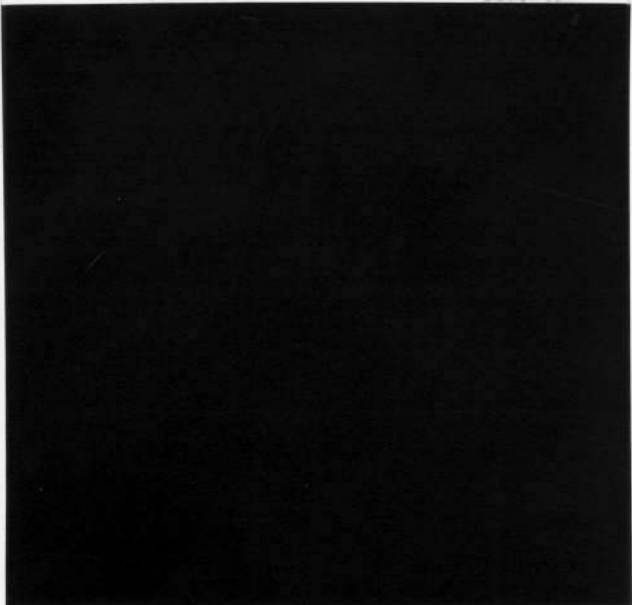




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Shed Charles Co.,  
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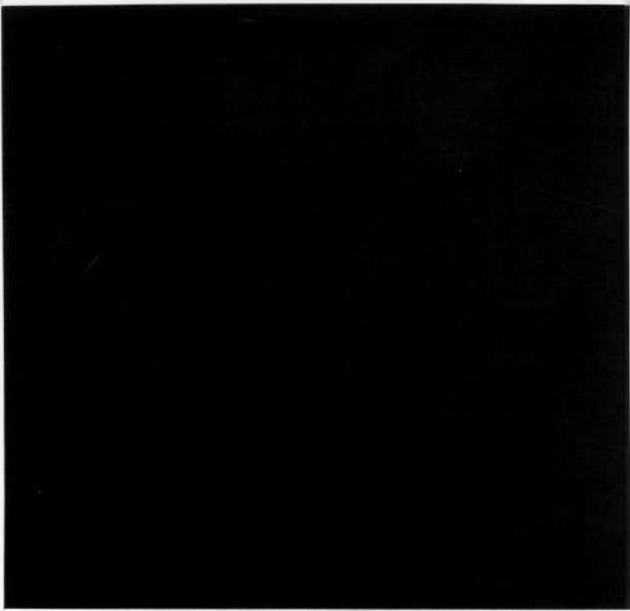


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Tobacco Barn Charles Co.  
Victoria Cook Property

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Victoria ~~Shed~~ Property  
Cook

